

West Coast Forum on Climate Change and Materials Management: Joint Statement for 2010

The West Coast Forum on Climate Change and Materials Management (CCMM) identifies areas for collaborative efforts and strategic actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions using materials management lifecycle approaches. In addition to waste prevention, recycling and organics management, the Forum's work includes full lifecycle considerations of materials to maximize GHG reductions.

In December, 2009, participants of the Forum met for a second time and committed to continued collaboration on integrating effective materials management actions into state, local, tribal and national climate reduction efforts. The need for both immediate action and for long-term progress was emphasized. For its work in year two, the Forum identified the following key actions:

1. Provide **specific and actionable materials management tools** for policymakers, program managers and elected officials to support informed choices, provide information to the public, create immediate actions and communicate effectively;
2. Work towards the development of **state, community and city level GHG inventories and action plans** that incorporate consumption- and/or systems-based approaches;
3. Develop **communication tools and positive messaging** to advance materials management actions.
4. Develop a framework, including tools and practices, that connects **product stewardship** – both for recovery and waste prevention – with GHG emissions reductions.
5. Identify key opportunities to address the upstream GHG reduction potential inherent in **reducing and shifting consumption**.
6. Engage in innovative and impactful **materials management projects**, such as carpet and organics management projects;
7. Develop, communicate and coordinate actions around a **research agenda to support the above priorities**.

The Forum participants are committed to working together within the Forum and with other critical organizations. For more information or to become involved please visit our website at www.epa.gov/region10/westcoastclimate,